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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicants wish to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed. The references are also listed on the enclosed and completed PTO Form 1449.

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